

SITE NUMBER: WA-II-517

ADDRESS: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 West Main Street,
Sharpsburg, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Episcopal Church, no lot number, open
during hours of worship

BUILDING DATE: 1871

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is a south-facing, vertically massed, symmetrical, one-and-a-half-story, three-bay, rough-cut stone, freestanding, ecclesiastical structure resting on a stone foundation. It is sited back from the street on a large landscaped lot defined at the street by a stone retaining wall. The siting, as well as the stonework, steeply pitched roof topped by a pointed steeple, and massive appearance of the building create an impressive composition. The front-gable roof is covered with artificial shingles and has slightly over-hanging eaves. It is topped by an open, frame steeple containing the church bell. There are entrances to the building in the center bay and in the addition in the ell. The entrance in the front facade is in a closed projecting bay that has a steeply pitched, slate roof that echoes the design of the roof structure of the main body. The raised, pointed arched entrance is approached by set of steps and has a set of pointed arched double doors. The majority of the fenestration is composed of pointed arched windows, although there is a round window directly above the main entrance.

Joseph Chapline, founder of the town, deeded this site for a church in 1818 and a cornerstone of the original building, sited at the rear of the lot, was laid in 1819. That building was a two-story stone structure that was severely damaged during the Civil War. Shortly thereafter, the congregation decided to demolish the original church and built a new one. The extant structure was

completed in 1871. It is noted on the 1877 map without its wing.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the Development Period of Industrial/Urban Dominance, and falls within the Historic Period Theme of Religion.

Prepared by Julie Mueller, June 1991

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN:

STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Development Periods: Industrial/Urban Dominance

Historic Period Theme: Religion; Architecture, Landscape
Architecture, and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: buildings

Historic Environment: small, rural town

Historic Function and Use: ecclesiastical

Known Design Source: unknown

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WA-II-517

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 209 West Main Street not for publication

city, town Sharpsburg vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Washington

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name St. Paul's Episcopal Church

street & number 209 West Main Street telephone no.: 301-

city, town Sharpsburg state and zip code Maryland 21782

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Court House liber

street & number Summit Avenue and West Washington Street folio

city, town Hagerstown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

 federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Setting

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is located in Washington County at 209 West Main Street in Sharpsburg. It is prominently sited on a landscaped lot at mid-block on the town's principal thoroughfare. Resembling an English country church, the design of St. Paul's clearly refers to the Episcopal Church's Anglican origins. The church yard contains four, mature pruned maples that are evenly spaced at the front of the lot and a large conifer at the side of the stone addition.

Exterior

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is a south-facing, vertically massed symmetrical, one-and-a-half-story, three-bay, rough-cut stone, freestanding ecclesiastical structure resting on a stone foundation. It is sited back from the street on a large landscaped lot (154.5' x 206") defined at the street by a stone retaining wall. The siting, as well as the stonework, steeply pitched roof topped by a pointed steeple, and massive appearance of the building create an impressive composition. The front-gable roof is covered with artificial shingles and has slightly overhanging eaves. It is topped by an open, frame steeple containing the church bell. There are entrances to the building in the center bay and in the addition in the ell. The entrance in the front facade is in a closed projecting bay that has a steeply pitched, slate roof that echoes the design of the roof structure of the main body. The raised pointed arched entrance is approached by a set of steps and has a set of pointed arched double doors. The majority of the fenestration is composed of pointed arched windows, although there is a round window directly above the main entrance.

A large, one-story, masonry parish hall has been added to the back of the building. Due to the slope of the site, it is not visible from the street.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture
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			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
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Specific dates 1871 Builder/Architect Burgan and Kretzer, Sharpsburg
 check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Rohrer of Tilghmantion
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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 Joseph Chapline, founder of the town, deeded this site for a church in 1818 and a cornerstone of the original building, sited at the rear of the lot, was laid in 1819. The church was established by the consent of the Diocesan Convention of Maryland in 1819. The original church building was a two-story, stuccoed, stone structure that was severely damaged during the Civil War. The majority of the damage occurred, according to a 1962 walking tour brochure of Sharpsburg, written by Clifton Smith, when the church was used as a Confederate hospital and most of the furnishings were removed to make room for beds.

Shortly after the war, the congregation decided to demolish the original church and build a new one. The extant structure was completed in 1871. According to a letter to the editor, dated September 15, 1885 in an uncited newspaper (letter found in the parish records at the Maryland State Archives), the damaged church was photographed and copies of the picture were sold to raise funds to build the new church. The old church was dismantled and the stones were retained to be used in the new building that was placed closer to the street. The letter states that the stone was a native limestone and that it was laid by Mr. Burgan and Mr. Kretzer of Sharpsburg and Mr. Rohrer of Tilghmantion. The stone porch was erected by Jesse Hill of Sharpsburg. Carpentry on the interior was done by Jacob Snyder and John Grason, and the plaster work by James Wilson, all of Sharpsburg. The interior woodwork was finished in walnut that was locally grown. It is possible that the design for the building was based on standard designs for Episcopal churches.

Although the church had been completed for some time, it could not be consecrated until it was debt free. According to the church records, the new building cost \$5000. Lists of subscribers and donors included people and congregations from as far away as San Francisco and included donations from many communities in numerous states.

A notation in the parish records on September 14, 1897 states that the altar was built by Jacob Snyder and William Early and was based on a design by the Reverend H. Edwards who had led the campaign to construct a new church. The chancel rail was carved by the same men based on another design by Edwards. They went on to complete much of the interior

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See attached sheets

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .73 acresQuadrangle name Shepherdstown, WVA-MD

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

Quadrangle scale 7.5

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Julianne Mueller

organization

date July 1991street & number 2730 Ordway Street, N.W.telephone 202-364-6594city or town Washington, D.C.

state

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

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design by Edwards. They went on to complete much of the interior woodwork, including the stalls, desks, and lectern.

The stone wing to the building was constructed by 1922 and the parish hall was erected in 1966.

Significance

A preliminary architectural evaluation of St. Paul's Episcopal Church was made in April 1991 by Julianne Mueller during a survey of Sharpsburg. At that time a survey site number WA-II-517 was assigned and it was determined that the church is a contributing element to Sharpsburg's historic religious and architectural character. A summary sheet on the building with photographs was submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust in June 1991. The summary provides a basic description of the building and places it with the Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan: State Historic Context (Western Maryland Geographic Organization; the Development Period of Industrial/Urban Dominance; the Historic Period Themes of Religion; and Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning).

Upon the suggestion of members of the Sharpsburg community, the general history of the church was researched. It was concluded that the building meets eligibility Criterion C for listing on the Maryland Register.

Criterion A -- The property is not associated with significant historical events.

Criterion B -- The property is not associated with a significant person.

Criterion C -- The building exhibits exceptional architectural design, method of construction, or craftsmanship, or is the product of a trained architect. For its commanding presence on Sharpsburg's principal east-west thoroughfare and for its fine, stone construction, St. Paul's Episcopal Church is a contributing element to the architectural significance of Sharpsburg.

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Criterion D -- The property may provide important information about history or prehistory. The property has not been assessed for its archeological potential. Because of its long history at this site, it is possible that 19th- and 20th-century archeological remains might be found near the building. However, it should be noted that the original building on this site was demolished and the extant building has received an addition. These construction activities may have obliterated some of the archeological record.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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9. BIBLIOGRAPHY

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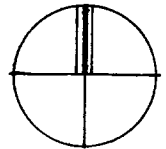
1877 uncited map

1922 Sanborn Map

1966 Parish Hall

1871 Church

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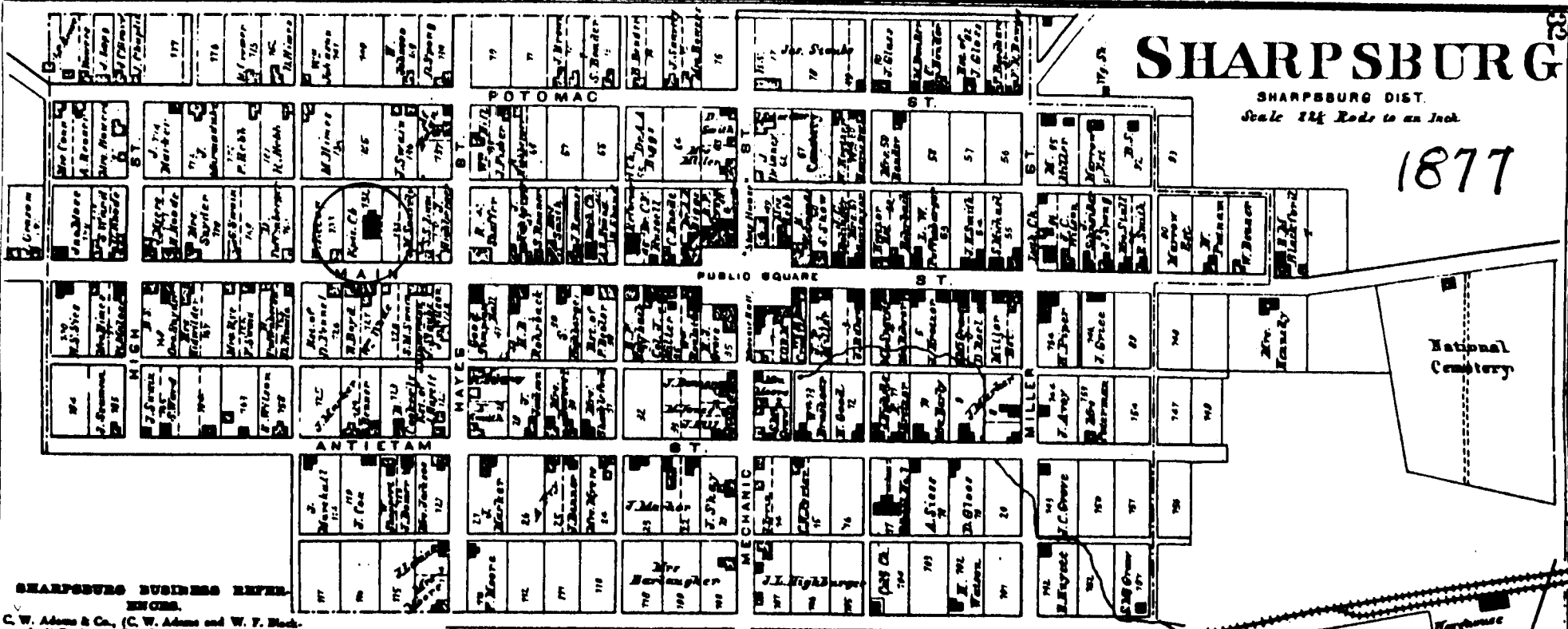


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SHARPSBURG

SHARPSBURG DIST.
Scale 1/4" = 1 Rod to an Inch

1877



SHARPSBURG BUSINESS DIRECTORY

- C. W. Adams & Co., (C. W. Adams and W. F. Blackford) Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Hardware, Quincerns, Groceries, Hats, Caps and Cigars. Southeast corner of Public Square.
- C. W. Porter, Proprietor of People's Saloon. Dealer in all kinds of Liquors, Wines, Brandies, &c. Public Square.
- C. F. M. Russell, M.D., Physician and Surgeon. Office on Main street, 4 doors west of Public Square. John Sharp, Proprietor of "Shay House." Good accommodations at reasonable rates. Public Square.
- J. C. Wilson, Dealer in Dry Goods and all kinds of Ladies and Gents' Footwear. Main street.
- L. W. Feltchinger, Dealer in Corn, Hay, Grain, Lumber, Coal, and all kinds of country produce. C and O Canal, opposite Sharpshooters, W. Va.
- J. B. Douglas, Collector of Tolls on C and O Canal. F. O., Sharpshooters, W. Va.
- A. A. Hays, M. D., Office on Public Square.
- Morgan Miller, Justice of the Peace and Conveyancer. Deeds, Mortgages, &c., carefully prepared.
- J. J. Collins, Professional School Teacher. Penmanship a specialty. F. O., Sharpshooters.
- Joseph A. Myers, Proprietor of Union Mills. Dealer in Grain, Flour, Feed, &c. Lumber Served to order on short notice. 1 mile east of Sharpsburg.

Exhibit 2c

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N. POTOMAC

N. HALL

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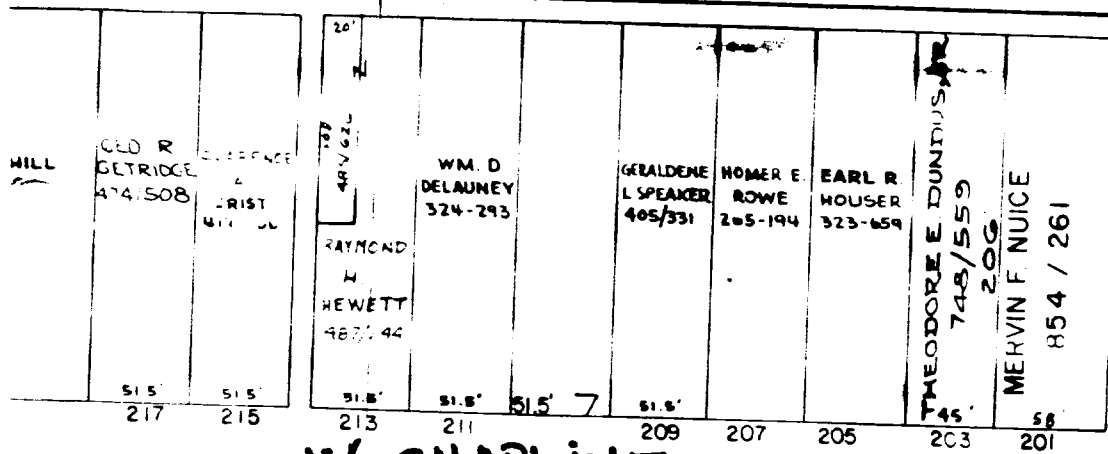
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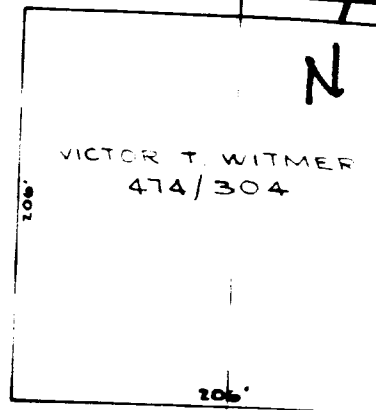
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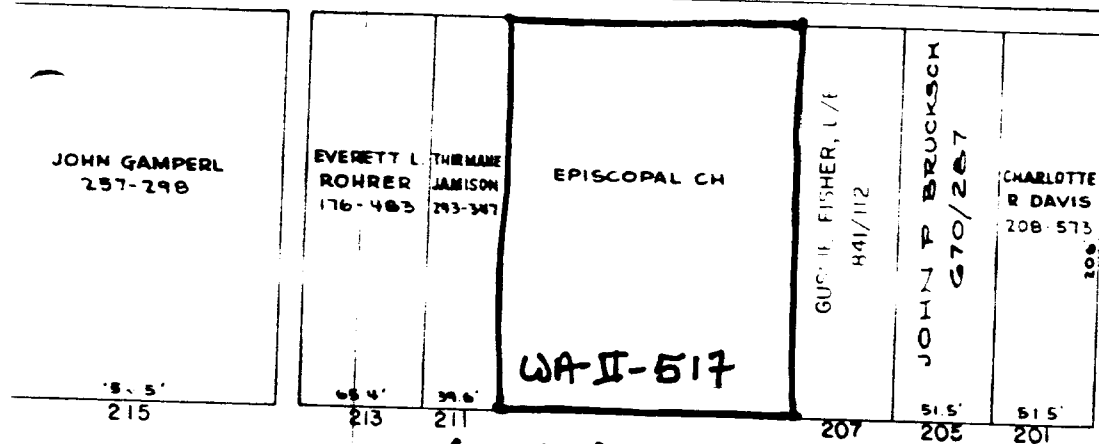
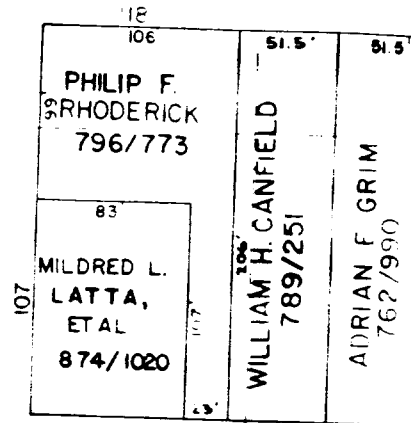
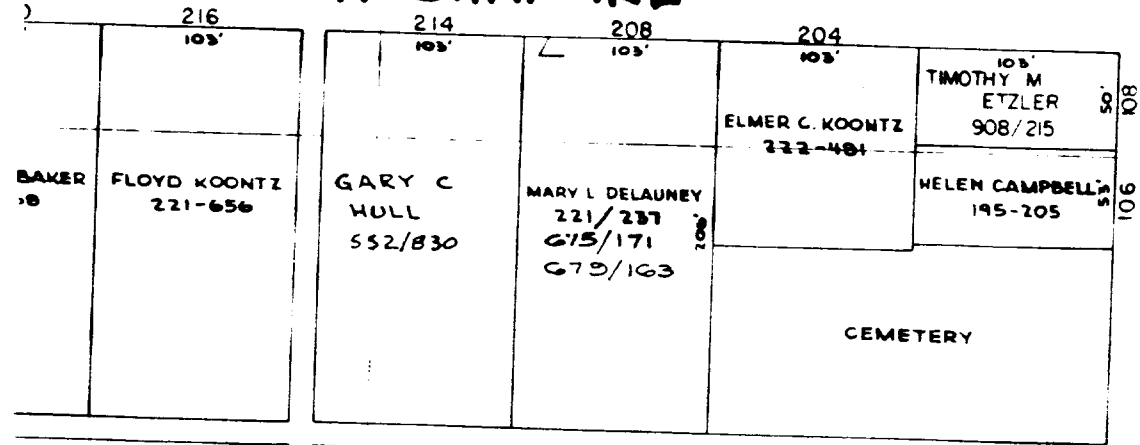
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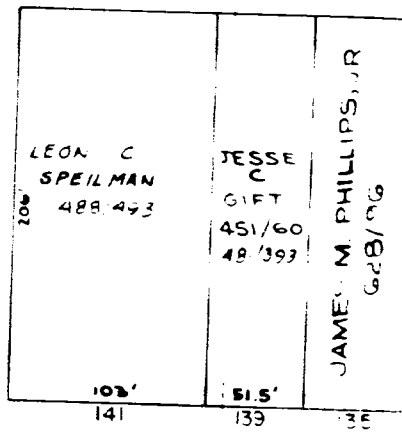
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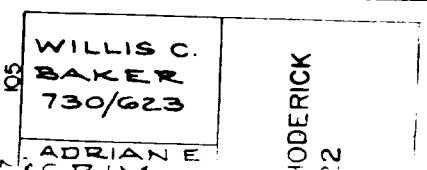
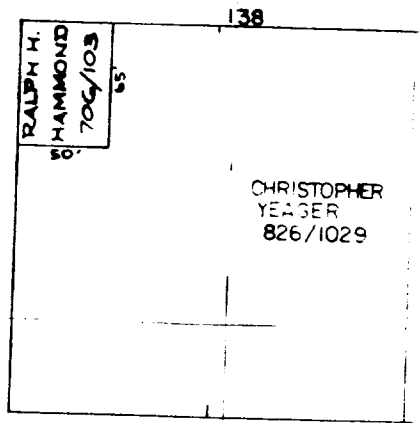
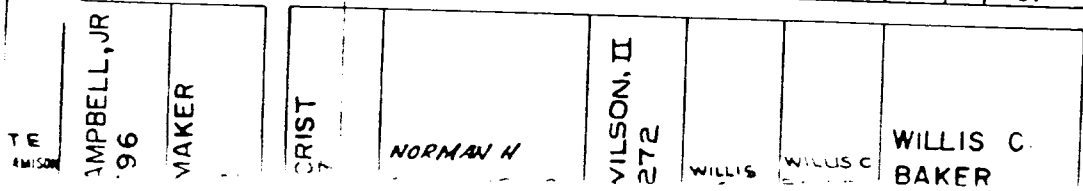
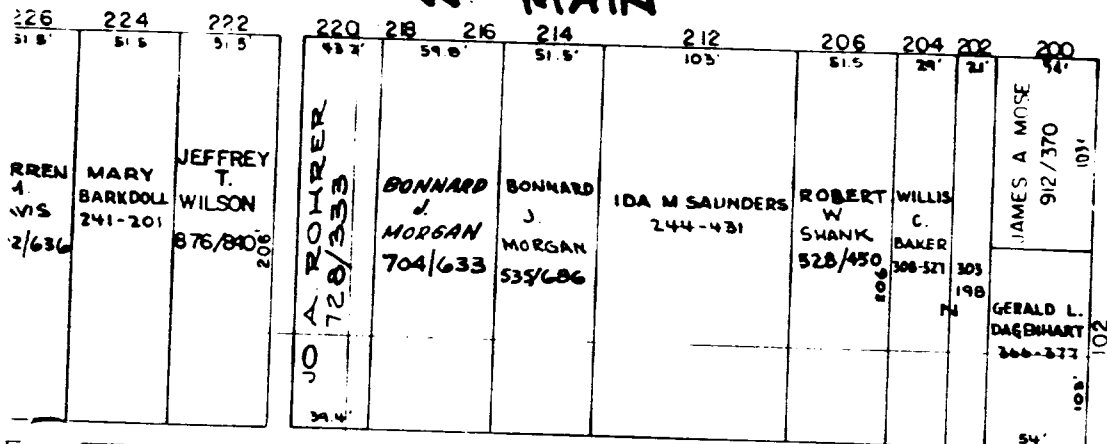
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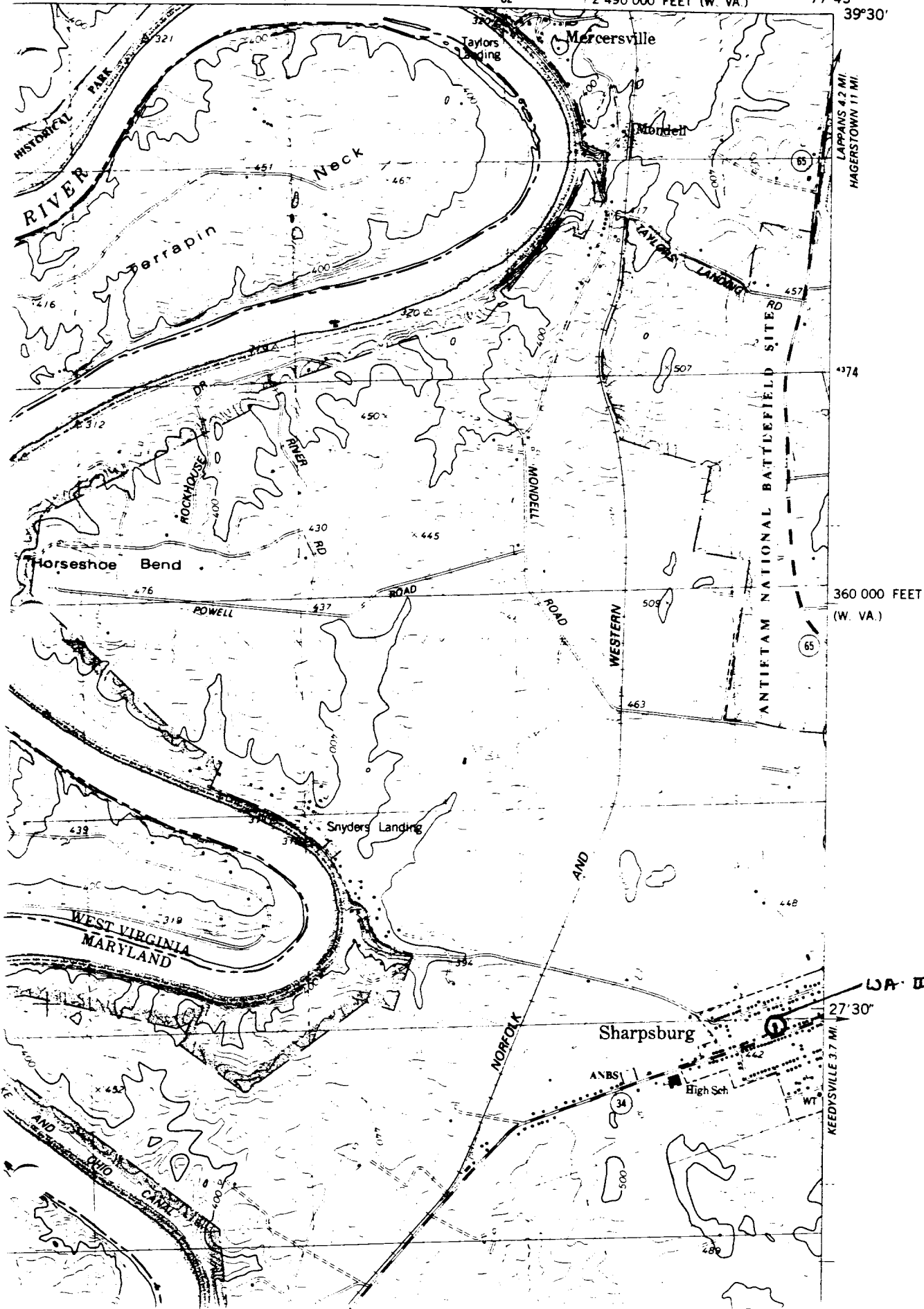
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looking NW at 1966 add.



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